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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Aphasia is a communication impairment caused by  
3 brain damage, typically resulting from a stroke; and

4 WHEREAS, While aphasia is most often the result of stroke  
5 or brain injury, it can also occur in other neurological  
6 disorders, such as in the case of a brain tumor; and

7 WHEREAS, Many people with aphasia also have weakness or  
8 paralysis in their right leg and right arm, usually due to  
9 damage to the left hemisphere of the brain, which controls  
10 language and movement on the right side of the body; and

11 WHEREAS, The effects of aphasia may include a loss or  
12 reduction in the ability to speak, comprehend, read, and  
13 write, while intelligence remains intact; and

14 WHEREAS, Stroke is the third largest cause of death,  
15 ranking behind diseases of the heart and all forms of cancer;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Stroke is a leading cause of serious, long-term  
18 disability in the United States; and

19 WHEREAS, It is estimated that there are approximately

1 795,000 strokes per year in the United States, with  
2 approximately one-third of these resulting in aphasia; and

3 WHEREAS, Aphasia affects at least 2,000,000 people in the  
4 United States; and

5 WHEREAS, More than 180,000 Americans acquire aphasia each  
6 year; and

7 WHEREAS, It is important to learn more about aphasia and  
8 to promote research, rehabilitation, and support services for  
9 people with aphasia and aphasia caregivers throughout  
10 Illinois; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
12 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
13 we declare June of 2022 as Aphasia Awareness Month in the State  
14 of Illinois, and we encourage continuing research on aphasia  
15 and community support for those affected with the disease.